

We also support the committee's decision to defer action on more controversial measures until the GAO conduct-het a comprehensive review of those proposals.

We thank you again for your leadership on this issue and your efforts to protect the rights of injured federal employees.

Sincerely,

ANDREW J. REINHARDT,
President.
JENNIFER L. COMER,
Executive Director.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF
LETTER CARRIERS,
Washington, DC, November 22, 2011.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND THE WORK-
FORCE,
House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN KLINE AND RANKING MEMBER MILLER: I write on behalf of the nearly 300,000 members of the National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) to express our support for the Federal Workers' Compensation Modernization and Improvement Act of 2011 (H.R. 2465) as the House considers this bill in the coming weeks.

This bipartisan legislation makes several sensible benefit improvements to the Federal Employees' Compensation Act (FECA), while maintaining the basic benefits paid to employees who suffer a debilitating injury or illness as a result of their public service. The bill would increase the amount payable for funeral expenses from \$800 to a more reasonable \$6,000. It also increases the maximum compensation to employees for serious disfigurement of the head, neck or face to \$50,000 from a long-outdated \$3,500.

H.R. 2465 is a positive step towards fully addressing the many underlying issues with FECA. We would like to express our appreciation for your concern demonstrated towards federal and postal workers injured on the job in drafting this bill. Our organization urges the House to give speedy and favorable consideration to this bill, and is prepared to work with the committee on further common-sense FECA reforms.

Sincerely,

FREDRIC V. ROLANDO,
President.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. WALBERG) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 2465, as amended.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately 6:30 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 5 o'clock and 3 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess until approximately 6:30 p.m.

□ 1830

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. CHAFFETZ) at 6 o'clock and 30 minutes p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, proceedings will resume on motions to suspend the rules previously postponed.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

H.R. 3012, de novo;

H.R. 2192, by the yeas and nays;

H.R. 1801, by the yeas and nays.

The first electronic vote will be conducted as a 15-minute vote. Remaining electronic votes will be conducted as 5-minute votes.

FAIRNESS FOR HIGH-SKILLED IMMIGRANTS ACT OF 2011

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the question on suspending the rules and passing the bill (H.R. 3012) to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to eliminate the per-country numerical limitation for employment-based immigrants, to increase the per-country numerical limitation for family-sponsored immigrants, and for other purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Utah (Mr. CHAFFETZ) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the ayes have it.

Mr. CAPUANO. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 389, nays 15, not voted 29, as follows:

[Roll No. 860]

YEAS—389

Ackerman	Brady (PA)	Connolly (VA)	Fattah	Latta	Rogers (AL)
Adams	Brady (TX)	Conyers	Filner	Lee (CA)	Rogers (KY)
Aderholt	Braley (IA)	Cooper	Fincher	Levin	Rogers (MI)
Akin	Brooks	Courtney	Fitzpatrick	Lewis (CA)	Rohrabacher
Alexander	Brown (FL)	Cravaack	Flake	Lewis (GA)	Rooney
Altmire	Buchanan	Crawford	Fleischmann	Lipinski	Ros-Lehtinen
Amash	Bucshon	Crenshaw	Fleming	LoBiondo	Roskam
Amodei	Buerkle	Critz	Flores	Loeb sack	Ross (AR)
Andrews	Butterfield	Crowley	Forbes	Lofgren, Zoe	Ross (FL)
Austria	Calvert	Cuellar	Fox	Long	Rothman (NJ)
Baca	Camp	Culberson	Frank (MA)	Lowey	Roybal-Allard
Bachus	Canseco	Cummings	Frelinghuysen	Lucas	Royce
Baldwin	Capito	Davis (CA)	Fudge	Luetkemeyer	Runyan
Barletta	Capps	Davis (IL)	Gallegly	Lujan	Ryan (OH)
Barrow	Capuano	Davis (KY)	Garamendi	Lummis	Ryan (WI)
Bartlett	Cardoza	DeFazio	Gardner	Lungren, Daniel E.	Sánchez, Linda T.
Barton (TX)	Carnahan	DeGette	Garrett	Lynch	Sanchez, Loretta
Bass (CA)	Carney	DeLauro	Gerlach	Maloney	Sarbanes
Bass (NH)	Carson (IN)	Denham	Gibbs	Manzullo	Scalise
Becerra	Cassidy	Dent	Gibson	Marino	Schakowsky
Benishek	Castor (FL)	Dicks	Gingrey (GA)	Markey	Schiff
Berg	Chabot	Dingell	Gohmert	Matheson	Schmidt
Berkley	Chaffetz	Doggett	Goodlatte	Matsui	Schock
Berman	Chandler	Dold	Gosar	McCarthy (CA)	Schrader
Biggart	Chu	Donnelly (IN)	Gowdy	McCarthy (NY)	Schwartz
Bilbray	Cicilline	Duffy	Granger	McCaul	Schweikert
Bilirakis	Clarke (MI)	Duncan (SC)	Graves (GA)	McClintock	Scott (SC)
Bishop (GA)	Clarke (NY)	Edwards	Graves (MO)	McCollum	Scott (VA)
Bishop (NY)	Clay	Ellison	Green, Al	McDermott	Scott, Austin
Bishop (UT)	Cleaver	Ellmers	Green, Gene	McGovern	Scott, David
Black	Clyburn	Emerson	Griffin (AR)	McHenry	Sensenbrenner
Blumenauer	Coble	Engel	Griffith (VA)	McKeon	Serrano
Bonner	Coffman (CO)	Engel	Grijalva	McKinley	Sessions
Boren	Cohen	Eshoo	Grimm	McMorris	Sewell
Boswell	Cole	Farenthold	Guinta	Rodgers	Sherman
Boustany	Conaway	Farr	Guthrie	McNerney	Shimkus
			Hahn	Meehan	Shuler
			Hall	Meeks	Shuster
			Hanabusa	Mica	Simpson
			Hanna	Michaud	Sires
			Harper	Miller (MI)	Slaughter
			Harris	Miller (NC)	Smith (NE)
			Hartzler	Miller, Gary	Smith (NJ)
			Hastings (FL)	Miller, George	Smith (TX)
			Hastings (WA)	Moore	Smith (WA)
			Hayworth	Moran	Southerland
			Heck	Mulvaney	Speier
			Heinrich	Murphy (CT)	Stark
			Hensarling	Murphy (PA)	Stearns
			Herger	Myrick	Stivers
			Herrera Beutler	Nadler	Stutzman
			Higgins	Napolitano	Sullivan
			Himes	Neal	Terry
			Hinojosa	Neugebauer	Thompson (CA)
			Hirono	Nugent	Thompson (MS)
			Hochul	Nunes	Thompson (PA)
			Holden	Nunnelee	Thornberry
			Holt	Olson	Tiberi
			Honda	Olver	Tierney
			Hoyer	Owens	Tipton
			Huelskamp	Palazzo	Tonko
			Huizenga (MI)	Pallone	Towns
			Hultgren	Pascarell	Tsongas
			Hurt	Pastor (AZ)	Turner (NY)
			Israel	Paulsen	Turner (OH)
			Issa	Payne	Upton
			Jackson (IL)	Pearce	Van Hollen
			Jackson Lee	Pelosi	Velázquez
			(TX)	Perlmutter	Visclosky
			Jenkins	Peters	Walberg
			Johnson (GA)	Peterson	Walden
			Johnson (IL)	Petri	Walsh (IL)
			Johnson (OH)	Pingree (ME)	Walsh (MN)
			Johnson, E. B.	Pitts	Wasserman
			Johnson, Sam	Poe (TX)	Schultz
			Jordan	Polis	Waters
			Kaptur	Pompeo	Watt
			Keating	Price (GA)	Waxman
			Kelly	Price (NC)	Welch
			Kildee	Quayle	West
			Kind	Quigley	Whitfield
			King (NY)	Rahall	Wilson (FL)
			Kingston	Rangel	Wilson (SC)
			Kinzingler (IL)	Reed	Wittman
			Kline	Rehberg	Wolf
			Kucinich	Reichert	Womack
			Labrador	Renacci	Woodall
			Lamborn	Reyes	Woodley
			Lance	Ribble	Yarmuth
			Landry	Richardson	Yoder
			Langevin	Richmond	Young (AK)
			Lankford	Rigell	Young (FL)
			Larsen (WA)	Rivera	Young (IN)
			Larson (CT)	Roby	
			Latham	Roe (TN)	
			LaTourette		